(c) whether it is also a fact that India has repeatedly failed to get Pakistan declared as a terrorist nation despite all the evidences due to its foreign policy being under influence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) No, Sir. Government pursues an independent foreign poilicy guided solely by India's national interests.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Due to the Government's strong and purposive international engagement, the international community, including the United States, recognises Pakistan's links with cross-border terrorism in India and the responsibility and the commitment of the Government of Pakistan to put an end to it. It is for the Government of the United States to examine whether Pakistan meets the criteria prescribed by the U.S. domestic law for designating a country as a state sponsor of terrorism.

Closure of Indian Offices in Pakistan

†2412. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all the Indian offices in Pakistan have been kept closed due to the involvement of Pakistan indirectly in continued terrorism in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that America is continuously exercising pressure upon India to reopen its offices and to normalise the situation and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.